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## Letter from W.B. Starke to Thomas G. Clemson, 1883 March 3

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Beech Gs. S. C.  
March 3 1883

Col. F. G. Clemson  
Piedleton S. C.

Dear Sir

Mr. Hunter, to use Col. Rious words, is "hard to move". So far at least no news has been received by me respecting the manuscript in his possession. Meanwhile I have not been idle, for I have just finished reading the published works of Mr. Calhoun. These writings I shall go over again and again, annotating, indexing and arranging according to the subject matter so as to comprehend his views as fully as possible. He is the clearest of all writers upon political questions, owing to his power of analysis and combination, by which he was able to reduce the most complex ideas into their elements, as well as his command of language suited to give them expression. No statesman has ever exercised such influence in shaping the history of this country - none has been so misunderstood and vilified and to no one is there a stronger claim for justice at the hands of posterity. As he said of himself in his reply to Sumner of Tennessee, his object was to do his "duty under all circumstances, in every trial irrespective of parties and without regard to friendships or enmities - but simply in reference to the prosperity of the country".

I have written to ~~say~~ to Lincoborn and have it



in view to go over soon to the Rions.

It is now time to go to our Beech St. agricultural  
Club which meets once a month. The P. O. being on  
the way I thought I would write you a few lines  
with kindest regards to Ann Primer and Essie. I am  
Dear Old Nick Remond  
Wm B. Clarke

P.S. After receiving Mr Hunter's manuscript it need not  
be long before I commence writing